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The force apparently arrived in the nick of time, for the Chinese assert that the attack upon the legations had been successfully renewed. On the night of June 16 the Chinese troops under General Tung Fah Siang and Tung Ching attacked the legations and set on fire five European buildings. Nothing definite is known as to the result.

The wires connecting with the harbor mines were cut by the boats of the warships the night before the bombardment. It is now reported at Shanghai that it was on board the Russian cruiser Korietz, and not the Manchur, that the explosion occurred, killing and wounding more than fifty. It is reported that no fewer than 700 Chinese were killed in the forts.

CHINESE TROOPS FIRE ON FOREIGN FORCES.

LONDON, June 19, 2:30 A. M.—China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened fire upon the international fleet. The accounts of what took place are still unsatisfactory, the best semi-official information being the dispatch received at Berlin from Chefoo, as follows:

Berlin, June 18.—The German Consul at Chefoo telegraphs that a Japanese torpedo boat from Taku has brought the following:

"The Chinese laid torpedoes in the Taku river and collected troops from Shan Hei Kwan. The foreign commanders assembled on the Russian flag-ship and addressed an ultimatum to the commanders of the Taku forts, summoning them to withdraw their troops before 2 o'clock, June 17th. At 1 A. M., June 17th, the guns of the forts opened fire, to which the Russian, British, French and Japanese warships replied. The bombardment lasted seven hours. Two British ships in the river between the forts are reported to

have been sunk. The telegraph line and railroad between Tien Tsin and Taku was destroyed. Communication by water is also threatened."

The dispatch added that the foreign settlement at Tien Tsin was fired into by the Chinese. When the dispatch left nothing had been heard from the German detachment sent to Peking or from the German Legation there.

The unofficial narratives coming by way of Shanghai vary and bear evidence of supplementing the main facts with guesswork. One dispatch says the gunboat Yorktown participated in the bombardment. Another asserts that American marines formed part of the storming force of 2000. A press despatch from Chefoo, dated yesterday afternoon, says:

"The forts on both sides of Taku are now occupied. The Chinese opened fire unexpectedly. The casualties to the mixed forces were as follows:

"Killed—British 1, German 3, Russian 1 and French 1.
"Wounded—British 4, German 7, Russian 45, French 1.

"Chinese torpedo boats were seized."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"The forts began firing in obedience to orders from Peking, conveyed in the personal edict of the Empress Dowager, by advice of Kang Yi, president of the Ministry of War. Several war ships were struck by shells from the 12-inch guns of the forts. The heavy Russian losses were due to the blowing up of the magazines of Mandshur.

"Four hundred Chinese are reported killed. The Chinese, when retreating, fell into the hands of the Russian land forces."

More Russians have been ordered from Port Arthur to Taku. This reinforcement, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, is announced in the St. Petersburg Gazette, the Government pointing out that Russia is sending so many troops solely for the sake of peace and humanity.

Chinese Government Responsible. Berlin, June 29.—"The responsibility of the Chinese Government for recent events," said a high official of the Foreign Office, "is now clearly proved. It has been ascertained that 10,000 Chinese troops who deserted to the Bovers did so under direct orders from the Chinese Government. Promotion to the highest positions of notorious anti-European officials also points in the same direction. This is a war of

China against all foreigners, including Germany, and the point now is to go ahead vigorously, quickly and resolutely, no matter what the final outcome may be."

An inspired article in today's Kreuz Zeitung says: "Prompt and effective measures must be taken, even if a volunteer corps from the regular army is sent out, as the present German forces are insufficient."

Bombardment Continues.

CHEFOO, June 22.—It is officially reported that the bombardment of Tien Tsin with large guns continues incessantly. The foreign concessions have nearly all been burned, and the American consulate has been raised to the ground. The Russians are occupying the railroad station, but are hard pressed. Reinforcements are urgently needed. The casualties are heavy.

The railroad is open from Tong Tu to Ching Long Chun, half way to Taku.

Merchant Steamers Stopped.

Shanghai, June 20.—The Peking news wire today emanated from the administrator of the Chinese telegraphs. Merchant steamers are not allowed to proceed to Tien Tsin, and vessels on their way there have returned to Chefoo. Correspondence with Tien Tsin is difficult. The Chinese Merchants' Company has ceased sending vessels northward.

Sensational Rumors.

LONDON, June 21.—The soldiers and Boxers are said to be massacring each other in Peking, and the Chinese Manchus are also reported to be engaged in mutual slaughter. Prince Tuan is alleged to have sacked and burned the palace. The Emperor is reported to have been killed, the Dowager Empress is represented as missing, and in some quarters it is believed she has committed suicide. All this purports to have been contained in a letter from Peking, received by a high official Chinese at Shanghai, where it is hoped the desperate struggle between the leaders and the Dowager Empress will prevent the sects combining against the Europeans.

In the Nick of Time.

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Bombarding Tien Tsin.

Washington, June 21.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Hackett received a cable message this afternoon from Admiral Kempf, dated Chefoo, June 21st, saying Tien Tsin is being bombarded and that much of the American Consulate as well as foreign concessions are being destroyed. A relief party is en route to Tien Tsin, including 150 American marines under Major Walter.

Rebellion Spreading.

LONDON, June 21, 3:30 A. M.—The reports of Admiral Seymour's arrival at Peking and of the safety of the foreign legations, originating from Chinese sources and cabled to this city from Shanghai, are still unverified. However, the Italian Consul at Shanghai has wired to the Italian Foreign Minister, Marquis Visconti Venosti, that the legations are safe.

The rebellion is spreading far and wide. There is an impression in diplomatic circles here and on the Continent that the allies have not grappled with the situation effectively, and that even 50,000 troops would be powerless to do much to control 4,000,000 square miles.

Now in Peking.

Brussels, June 22.—The Petit Bleu states that a telegram was received by an important Brussels firm from China saying that Admiral Seymour's relieving force and the Russian column entered Peking simultaneously. The legations were reported intact and all the Belgian residents are said to be safe.

OLD MONOCACY

SHOT THROUGH BOWS.

LONDON, June 22, 3:30 A. M.—The United States gunboat Monocacy was two miles up the Pei-Ho river when the international fleet began the bombardment of the Taku forts. According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, she was shot through the bows. The correspondent says that Chinese riflemen on both banks of the river attacked her but unsuccessfully.

The scantiness of authentic news with reference to the situation continues. Admiral Kempf's dispatch to the United States Navy Department announcing that Tien Tsin is being bombarded was prominently used by the London papers and commented upon as indicating a change for the worse.

The British Admiralty does not believe the report of the death of Admiral Seymour, commander of the international relief column, and semi-official advices are given that there seems to be not the slightest evidence to back up such a report.

Good Effect of Foreign Troops.

LONDON, June 22, 4 A. M.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "Great destruction was caused by the Boxers in the native quarters of Tien Tsin on June 14th, but the presence of foreign troops in the foreign settlement protected that. The native press asserts that there are bitter dissensions in the Manchuria party."

Reported Massacre of Foreigners.

LONDON, June 22.—Aspenal from Shanghai says it is reported from Japanese sources that 1500 foreigners have been massacred at Tien Tsin.

Oregon Ordered to China.

Chicago, June 18.—A Tribune special from Washington, says: "Proceed at once to Taku with a full complement of sailors and marines."

These were the orders issued today to Captain Wilde of the battleship Oregon. "This means that the United States will leave no stone unturned to protect American interests in China. In addition to the Ninth Infantry, other forces will be sent to China if their presence is required."

A Minister's Good Work.

"I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says Rev. A. A. Power, of Emporia, Kan. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who treated him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and he said, 'No.' I went home and brought him my bottle and gave him one dose; told him to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured. I think it the best medicine I have ever tried." For sale by all dealers and druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., general agents, Hawaiian Territory.

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